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# Maximizing Your VISTA Healthcare Benefits



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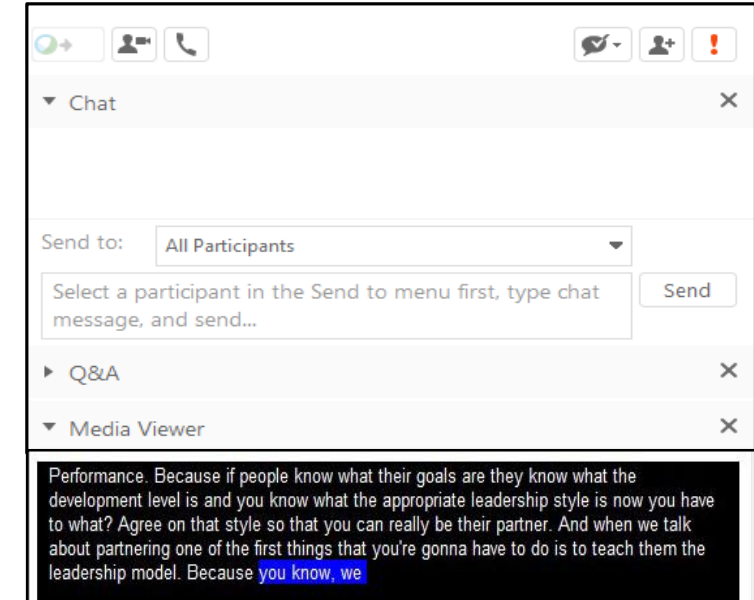
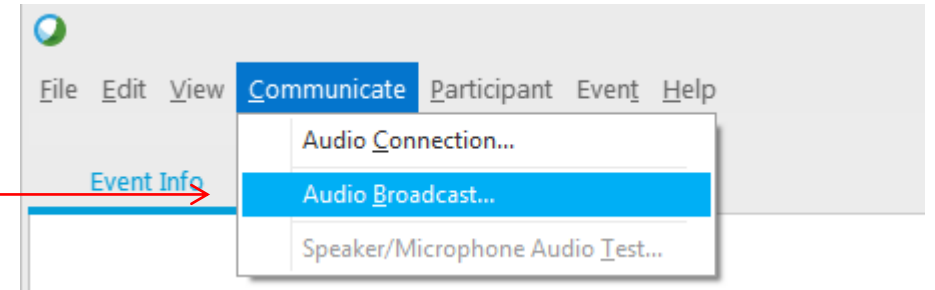
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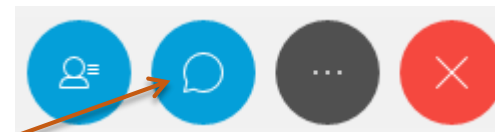
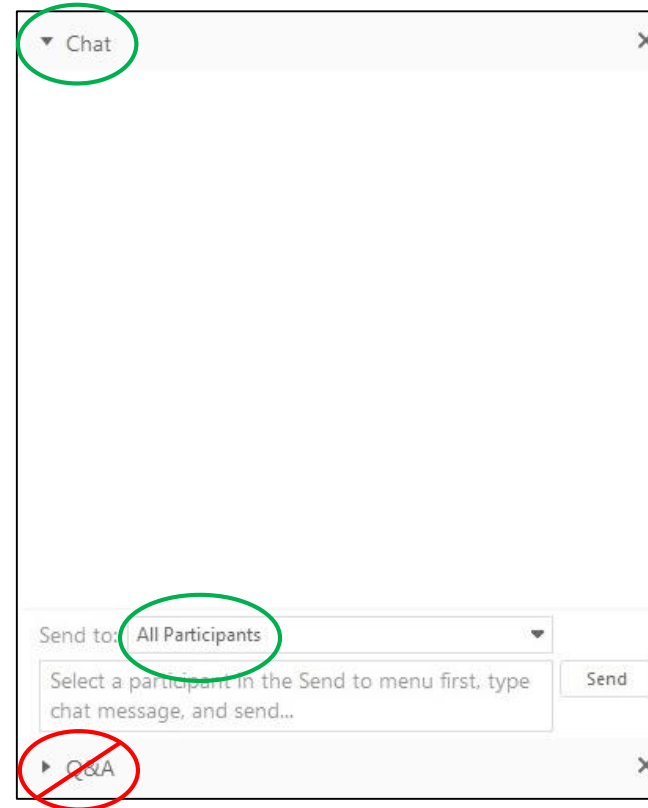


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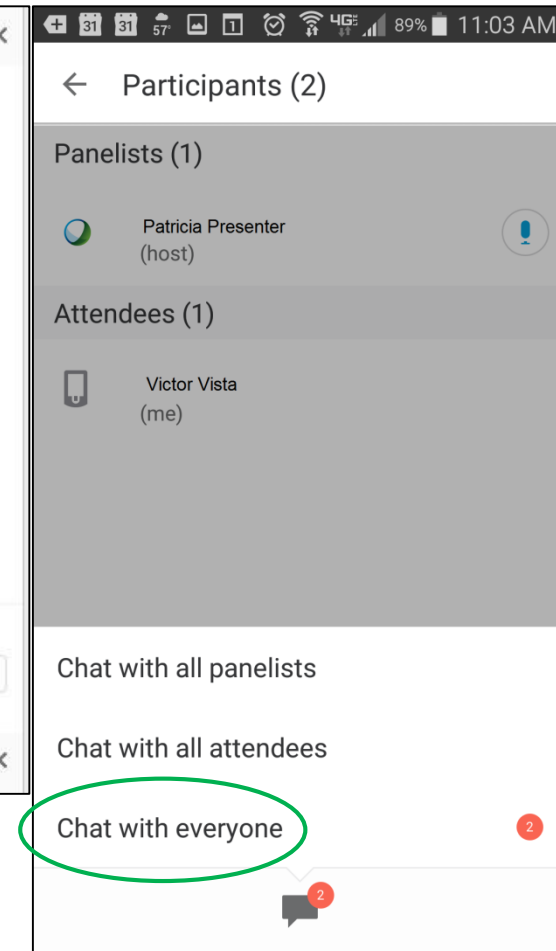
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- Focus on the topic
- Respect diverse viewpoints and opinions
- Assume positive intent





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# Today's Agenda

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- Welcome and introductions
- Deciding which plan to select
- How to enroll in a plan
- Using your plan
- Accessing support

# Today's Speakers

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VISTA Training  
Coordinator



- Matthew Nelson  
Program Manager  
IMG



- Kayleigh Remavich  
VISTA Member  
Support Unit

# Poll Questions

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Have you enrolled in one of the VISTA health plan options yet?

Answer using the poll feature.





# Am I Required To Enroll?

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Affordable Healthcare  
Act (ACA) Requirement

Must have **Health  
Insurance Coverage**

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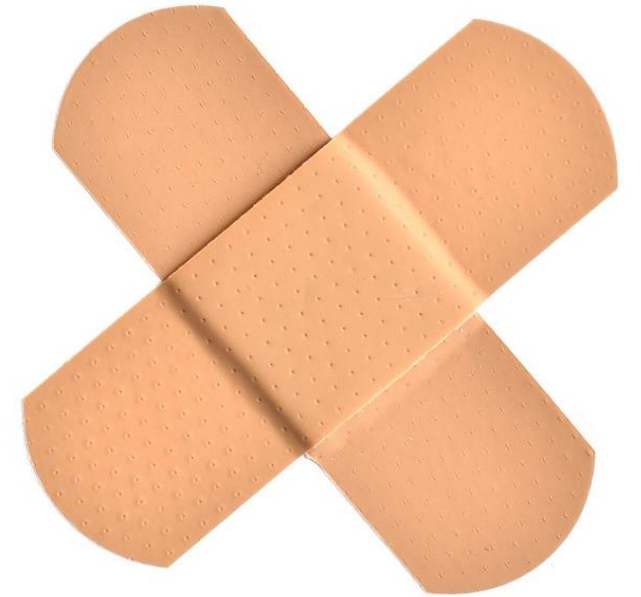
VISTA Program  
Requirement

Must enroll in one of two **Health Benefit  
Options** if you want to participate.  
Neither benefit is health insurance coverage

# Getting Started With The Basics



- Benefits and exclusions
- Primary vs. Secondary Insurance Plan
- Pre-existing conditions



# Key Terms

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Deductible	Co-Pay	Co-Insurance
What you owe before your insurance will pay a claim.	What you owe in-person before services are provided.	The percentage of a covered health care service you are responsible for once the deductible is met.
Example: \$2500	Example: \$5	Example: 80%/20%

# Deciding Which Plan To Select

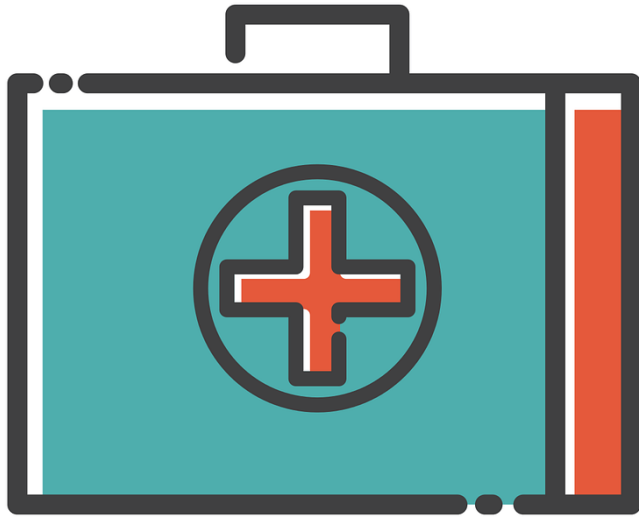




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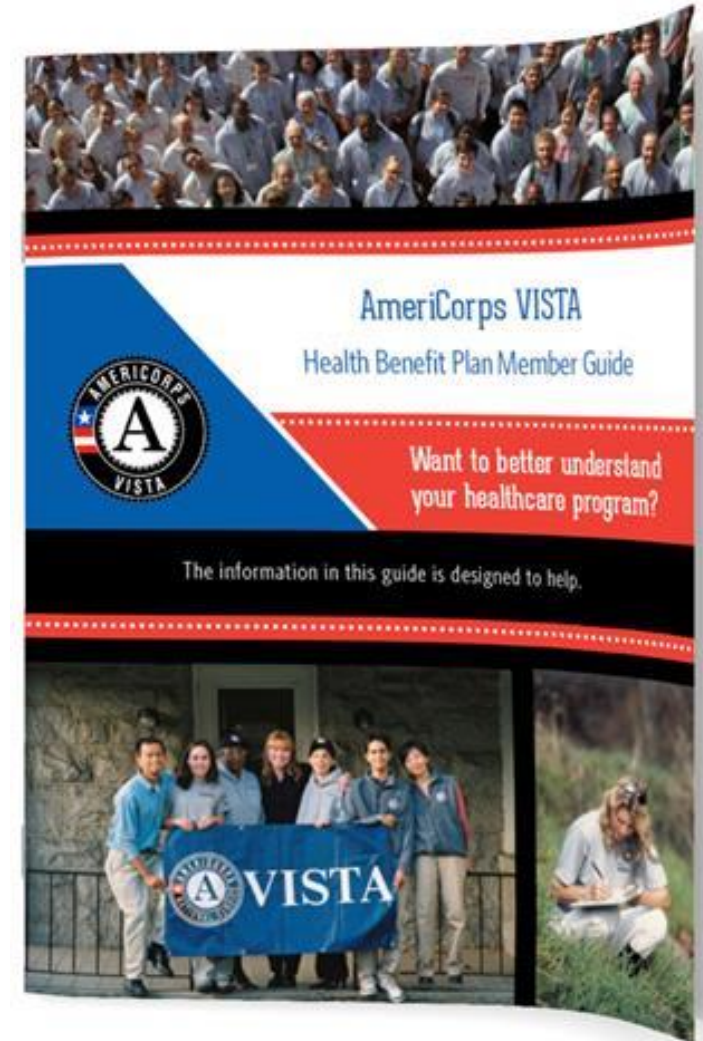
- A parent's plan
- Spouse's plan
- Your own plan purchased through the Health Insurance Marketplace
- Medicaid, Medicare or Tricare

# Health Benefit Plan

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This benefit plan is for someone who **has no other coverage**:

- You will need an Exemption Certification Number (ECN) from the Health Insurance Marketplace



# Comparing The Two Plans

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## VISTA Healthcare Allowance Plan

- Your other plan is primary
- Allowance Plan is secondary
- Handles your primary insurance plan's co-pays, deductible, and co-insurance fees
- No network needed
- **Can cover pre-existing conditions**

## VISTA Health Benefit Plan

- No other insurance
- Must be exempt from the Affordable Care Act's Individual Mandate
- Very specific benefits and exclusions
  - \$5 Office Visit Copay
  - \$25 Emergency Room Copay
- Uses First Health PPO Network
- **Excludes pre-existing conditions**

# Key Question

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- Yes – you can enroll in the Health Benefit Plan for 60 days
- We recommend during this time you apply for primary health insurance at the Marketplace at [healthcare.gov](https://healthcare.gov)



# Key Question

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Once you apply via the Marketplace, you'll be given one of the results below. If you are:

- **Exempt from having primary healthcare** → You can skip primary healthcare enrollment and supply the ECN to IMG to enroll in the Health Benefit Plan
- **Eligible for Medicare/Medicaid** → Sign up for the plan and complete the IMG form for the Healthcare Allowance Plan
- **Not exempt from primary insurance and are not eligible for Medicaid** → You will need to enroll in a Marketplace plan and can also enroll in the IMG Health Allowance Plan

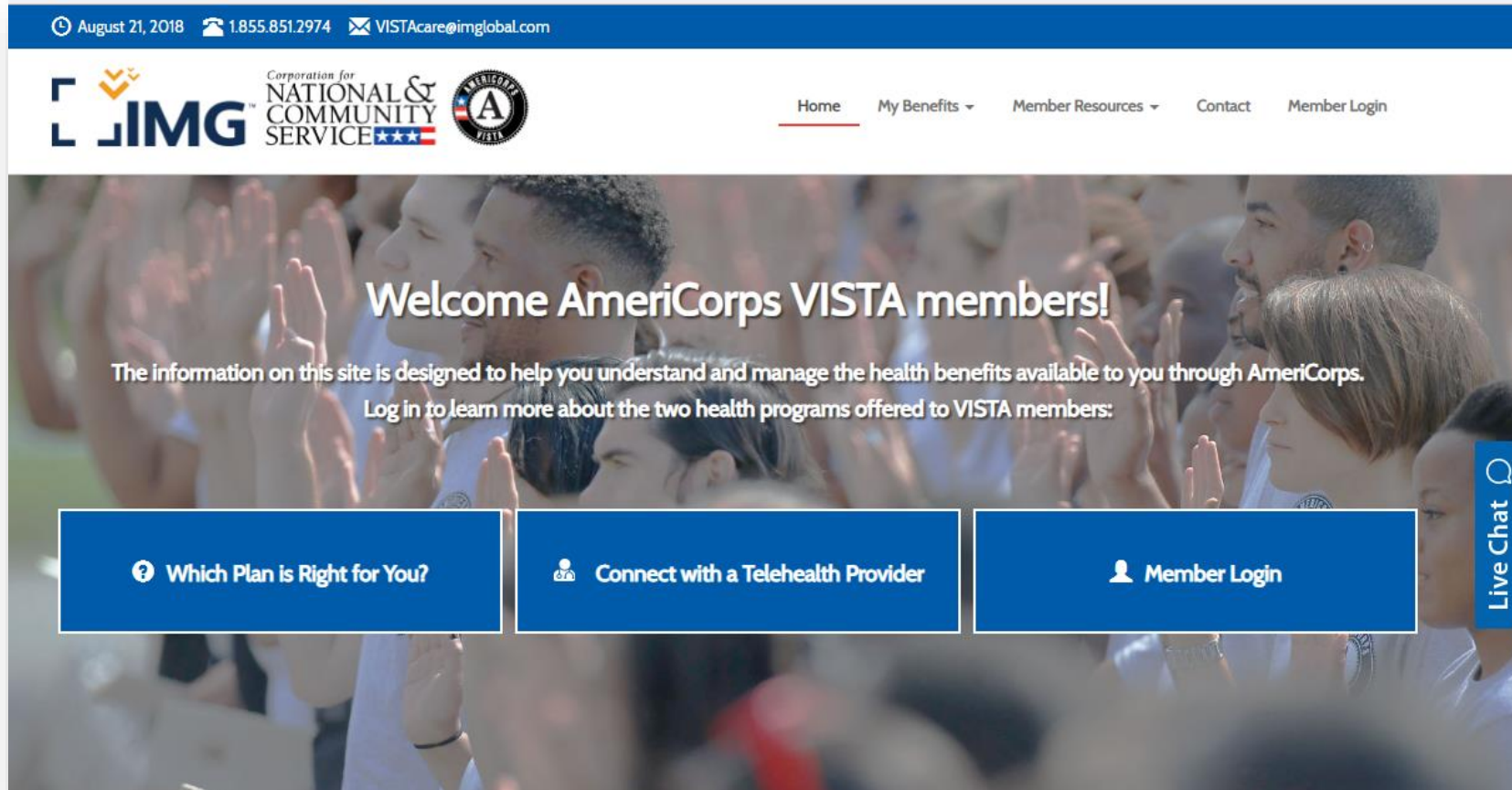
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# How To Enroll In A Plan



# Enrollment Process

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Go to <https://americorpsvista.imglobal.com> and click "Member Login"

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Before you turn 26 or within 60 days of turning 26, visit [healthcare.gov](https://healthcare.gov) to see if:

1. You are **exempt** from primary health insurance or
2. You are required to **enroll** in a primary health insurance plan

Afterwards, send an updated enrollment form to IMG



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Do you have any questions about selecting or enrolling in one of the two benefit options?

Ask in the Q&A box



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# Using Your Plan To Access Care



# Finding A Provider

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Key term: PPO Network / “Provider Network”

- Finding Medical and Mental Health Providers
  - Health Benefit Plan uses First Health PPO
  - Health Allowance Plan – specific to your plan
- Finding Dental and Vision Care

# Types of Care

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## Preventative Care

- General Medical Physical
- Women's Routine Wellness GYN Exam
- Vaccinations

## Urgent Care

- Walk in appointments
- Non-emergency illnesses or injury
- Not in danger

## Emergency Room

- Emergency illness or injury
- Experiencing pain
- Call emergency services

# Key Question

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- Accessible for those on the Health Benefit Plan and Healthcare Allowance Plan
- It's like a walk-in clinic but over the phone!
- Real physicians will ask questions about your symptoms and you can send photos if needed
- Mental Health counseling services are available by appointment
- No office co-pays and they will bill directly to your plan

# Filing A Claim

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With ALL claims, please try to include the following:

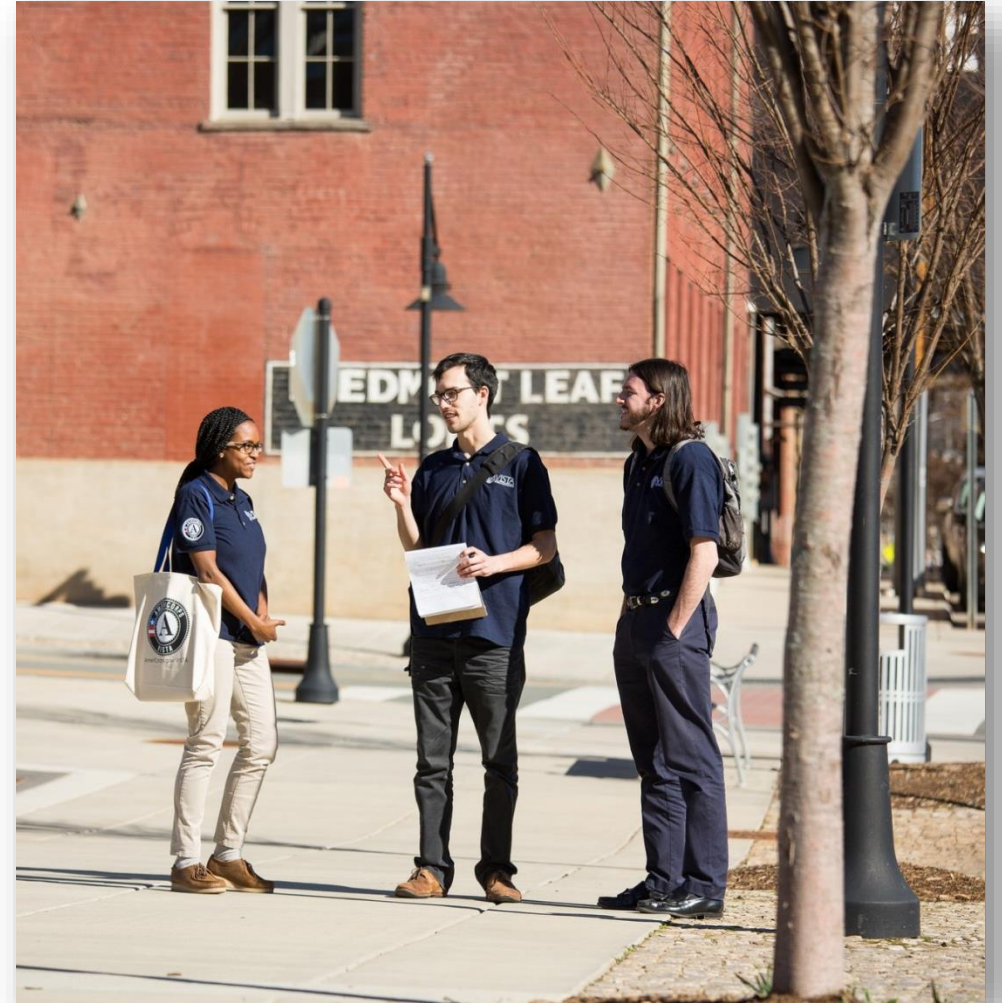
1. An Itemized Billing Statement
2. Proof of Payment
3. The correct claim form:
  - **Healthcare Allowance** Medical Reimbursement Form
  - **Health Benefit Plan** Claim Form



- Healthcare Allowance Plan Only!: **IMG will need a copy of your Other Insurance Explanation of Benefits (EOB) letter**
  - Tells the claims analyst that your primary insurance plan handled the claim first so they can begin as secondary
  - Shows how much is left over after the other plan so claims analyst can adjust and pay the amount left

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# Accessing Support



Don't hesitate to reach out to IMG for any help with enrolling or using your coverage!

**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday from 7AM to 6PM EST:

- **Live Chat on Website:** <https://americorpsvista.imglobal.com/>
- **Phone #:** 855-851-2974 (toll-free) or 317-833-1711 (local)

For general questions or claims status updates, save yourself a phone call!

- **Email:** [VISTAcare@imglobal.com](mailto:VISTAcare@imglobal.com)
- We reply to emails within 24 to 48 hours

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